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SUBJ: FINNISH VIEWS ON IBRD ASSISTANCE TO RVN

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EMBASSY DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH BOTH POLITICAL
(KEIJO KORHONEN) AND COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENTS (HYNNINEN)
OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO HYNNINEN
WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING FINNISH
VIEWS ON PROPOSED IBRD ASSISTANCE GROUP, HIS
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION. HE HAD
JUST LEARNED OF THE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 11-12
MEETING FROM HIS EMBASSY IN PARIS AND ASKED THAT THE
US EMBASSY AGAIN TOUCH BASE WITH HIS OFFICE LATTER
PART OF WEEK OF JANUARY 21. ON THE REPORTED NORDIC
OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF ASSISTANCE GROUP, HYNNINEN
SAID AT NAIROBI MEETING IN NOVEMBER THERE WAS HESITANCY
ON PART OF NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IN ADDITION
TO THE NORDICS, GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS. ACCORD-
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ING TO SOURCE, FINLAND WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST MULTI-

LATERALLY AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE BUT IT MUST NOW DO
SOME RETHINKING AND HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT FINLAND
WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE IBRD PROPOSAL. IN EXPLANATION,
HE SAID IBRD HAS A PRINCIPLE OF NOT LENDING TO AREAS
IN WHICH THERE IS AN INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM AND
SECONDLY FINLAND HAS NOT RECOGNIZED RVG. HE THOUGHT
NORWAY AND DENMARK NOW GIVE ASSISTANCE TO BOTH
VIETNAMS AND THEIR PROBLEM WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT
FROM THAT OF FINLAND. THE PROBLEM OF IDA REPLENISH-
MENT AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPOSED IBRD CONSORTIUM
DID NOT BOTHER FINLAND.

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